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### MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

**Meeting Date:** October 29, 2003  
**Meeting Time:** 10:00 A.M.  
**Meeting Place:** State House, 200 W. Washington St., 404  
**Meeting City:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Meeting Number:** 5

**Members Present:** Rep. Greg Porter, Chairperson; Rep. Sue Scholer; Sen. Ron Altling; Sen. Teresa Lubbers; Sen. Frank Mrvan.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Terry Goodin; Rep. Phil Pflum; Rep. Phyllis Pond; Rep. Jeff Thompson; Sen. Earline Rogers; Sen. Connie Sipes; Sen. Luke Kenley, Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He announced that due to a lack of a quorum the committee would not be able to adopt the final report at the meeting. He stated that committee members could discuss the proposed draft of the final report and recommend adoption of the report on Organization Day, November 18, 2003 at the last meeting of the committee. The proposed draft was distributed to the committee members and the audience.

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Chairman Porter distributed and presented the proposed bill draft concerning eliminating the achievement gap. He discussed the following topics included in the bill draft: cultural competence, teacher training and professional development, parental participation, collaborative school and community environments, Smart Start, Head Start, and reading literacy grant programs.

There was committee discussion concerning the bill draft on eliminating the achievement gap that included the following issues: (a) the fiscal impact of the programs in the bill draft, (b) the impact of the Education Roundtable's P-16 Plan, (c) the state budget, and (d) community and parent involvement in the education of students.

Amy Cook Lurvey, Council of Volunteers and Organizations for Hoosiers with Disabilities, shared her views on early intervention and urged the committee to address the issues associated with early childhood education and align the committee goals with the goals of the Education Roundtable's P-16 Plan.

The following topics were also discussed concerning the bill draft on eliminating the achievement gap: (1) a proposed amendment to the bill draft concerning the Smart Start program that would include test score data on the same set of students as they progressed from grade to grade in order to measure the success of the program and (2) a proposed amendment to the bill draft concerning the Smart Start program to include comparison test score data on similarly situated schools that do not have a Smart Start program.

Terry Spradlin, Indiana Department of Education (DOE), advised the committee that there is a parental participation guide that the DOE has distributed to all school corporations. He also stated that the DOE distributes to school corporations \$3.7 million dollars annually for the reading grant program.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.